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Inventors: Sarmast et al. **Examiner:** Rene Garcia Jr.
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Dear Sir:

While applicant agrees with Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant submits that the above identified claims are allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate, or render obvious the invention as claimed independent of how the invention is paraphrased or Examiner's statements in regards to the inclusion of various method steps in the claims.

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